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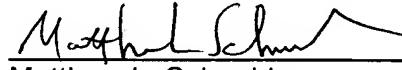
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Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 2001-106047.

U.S. Patent No. 6,086,515.

It is noted that the other two Japanese Application Publications cited in the Official Action issued by the European Patent Office, Japanese Application Publication No. 2000-127927 and Japanese Application Publication No. 61-287846, were previously cited in the Third Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 3, 2006. Thus, these documents are not cited on the accompanying form PTO-1449. Nevertheless, the Examiner is respectfully asked to consider the comments in the attached Official Action together with the previously submitted copies of Japanese Application Publication No. 2000-127927 and Japanese Application Publication No. 61-287846.

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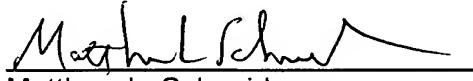
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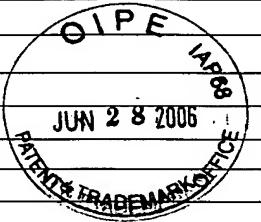

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